Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the second (last) paragraph beginning on page 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Optical adapter body **714** of BOPA **760** shown in **FIG. 7A** is substantially similar to that shown in **FIG. 7B** of body **714** of *LX.5* connector **712**. Functionally, each of body **714** comprises external connector shutter **720** and cooperating external connector shutter cam **722** for protecting either lens **767** on optical rod ~~**768**~~ **766** for BOPA **760** or coupling surface **719** of fiber **718** for *LX.5* connector **712**. Also depicted in the respective Figures is internal adapter shutter cam **724** for opening an internal adapter shutter and depressible latch **726** for securing BOPA **760** to an adapter. It should be understood that, in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, locking mechanisms **[,]** such as depressible latch **726[,]** may be omitted from BOPA **760** in order to allow the operator to readily change the field of view during inspection by reciprocating BOPA **760** forward and back from coupling surface **719**. Removal of depressible latch **726** allows the operator to complete this motion in a smooth, consistent manner because the lock does not retard the movement.

Please replace the first paragraph beginning on page 27 with the following amended paragraph:

BOPA **760** differs from *LX.5* connector **712** in that, rather than body **714** securing ferrule **716** and optical fiber **718** in a predetermined position, body **714** secures protective sleeve ~~**764**~~ **762** which surrounds mini-borescope insertion tube **704**, light rod **764** and optical rod **766**. Again, protective sleeve ~~**764**~~ **762** is disposed around mini-borescope insertion tube **704** to provide the necessary rigidity for engaging BOPA **760** in optical ports. Optical rod **766** is necessary for transmitting images of a target received from lens **767** to imaging electronics and ultimately the display screen, while light rod **764** is a light medium for transmitting light from a light source to light rod end **765** for illuminating the target.